

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-14, 16-17, and 20-22 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 17, and 21 are the only independent claim.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 4-14, 16-17, and 20-22 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1, 2, 4-16, and 19 of co-pending application No. 10/531,730.

A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted with this paper. Accordingly, it is submitted that the provisional rejection should be withdrawn.

In conclusion, the invention as presently claimed is patentable. It is believed that the claims are in allowable condition and a notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

In the event there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and any other fees which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 502759.

Respectfully submitted,

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